

## **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### **I. Amendment to the Specification**

As mentioned above, the specification has been amended to identify the computer-readable recording medium, as recited in claims 28 and 29, as being non-transitory, as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

### **II. Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 28 and 29 have been amended to recite a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium, as requested by the Examiner.

### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18-20 and 23-26 were identified as being allowable. Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18-20 and 23-26 remain unchanged, and thus, remain in condition for allowance.

Further, claims 28 and 29 were identified as being allowable if amended to clarify that computer-readable recording medium is non-transitory. As mentioned above, claims 28 and 29 now recite the term non-transitory. As a result, claims 28 and 29 now recite allowable subject matter.

#### IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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